

## THE GRAND SCHEMER

HE PLANS A DEVICE THAT WILL TAKE THE PUBLIC BY STORM.

Major Crofoot Originates the M. W. B. Company, Filling a Long Felt Want, and Incidentally Takes in a Lawyer Friend.

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The grand promoter sat at his desk in his office with a wandering look on his face and 40 cents in change spread out before him. He had been counting that change over and over and figuring how many times the \$28 he owed his landlady, the \$12 he owed his tailor, the \$4 he owed his hatter and the \$75 he owed various other people would go into that 40 cents. He was still about it when he heard a step on the stairs. It was the step of an aggressive man. As it came nearer it betokened the step of a determined man. As the door was burst open without preliminary warning the major recognized the fact that he was face to face with a circumstance. For one brief second his knees weakened, and he caught his breath with a gasp. Then he was on his feet with hand outstretched and a smile on his face and saying:

"Bless my soul, but if you had been two minutes later I should have been in my way to your office! Come in, come in."

"I didn't know as you would remember me," dryly replied the visitor as he looked around the office.

"What! Not remember Thompson of Thompson & Thompson, attorneys at law! You must be joking. My dear



"I WANT TO TAKE YOU IN," said Major Crofoot never forgetting the face or name of a friend. You more than any other man in the world have been in my thoughts for the last three days, and, as I remarked, I was about to start for your office, Thompson, shake hands again."

"I haven't time," replied Thompson. "Look here, major, bills against you to the amount of \$200 have been put into your hands for collection. You promised to pay that old board bill two months ago. I want to know what you are going to do?"

"Do, my dear Thompson? Why, I'm going to give you a check in about ten seconds for the whole indebtedness. You could have had your money long ago if you had given me the slightest hint. Major Crofoot has a good memory, but how can you expect him to keep track of shillings when he is dealing in thousands of dollars."

"I heard you were promoting a little," said the lawyer as he waited for the check.

"Ten companies formed in the last three months, my boy, and the eleventh just ready to be incorporated. Grand aggregation of over \$300,000,000 capital thus far, and every company bound to pay at least 30 per cent dividend. What do you suppose I've got in hand now?"

"I can't say, and as I'm in a hurry you may fill out that check."

"The biggest scheme of all—the ne plus ultra" whispered the major with a flourish of his right arm. "I expected to stop at ten, but this scheme came pushing along and I had to take it up. It's the richest of them all. I'll pay 100 per cent profit from the very start. In a week from now the Standard Oil company won't be on earth."

"But I'm here about those bills," said the lawyer, "walk with me. When I was hard up, you were one of the few who did not lose confidence in my integrity. The man or woman who trusts Major Crofoot never regrets it. I might not have picked up this eleventh scheme but for you. I wanted to get you in. I wanted to reward you for your faith in me. Thompson, my boy, sell out your law business, give it away—get rid of it before night."

"I want to know about those bills," said the lawyer as he came to a halt. "The last and best scheme of all," continued the major as he got hold of his arm again, "is the Musical Washboard company, organized on a capital of \$200,000,000. The idea is strictly original with me. Washboard runs a music box while you rub. Music box can be placed in the laundry, parlor, kitchen or even the next house. May arrange later on to have 'em connected with drug stores, kindergartens and public schools. Twenty-four tunes in the box, evenly divided between sad and lively. As the washerwoman rubs away at me by your colored shirts the music strikes up 'Comin' Thro' the Rye.' The changes off to a sheet or pillowcase while you rub. Home, Sweet Home, with variations. Thompson, shake hands!"

"I won't do it. I came here to notify you that these bills must be paid at once or you will be haled into court."

"It's a hummer, my boy—it's a success from the start. Costs nothing extra for the music, you know. While you are hiring a woman in the laundry for a dollar and a quarter a day she's furnishing music for the parlor free gratis. Put a bedquilt on the washboard and you can hear the strains of 'The Old Oaken Bucket' from garret to cellar. Let the woman tackle a table cloth, and everybody goes dancing to the tune of 'Maggie Murphy's Home.' Drug stores can have it at a slight cost for their patrons, and public schools needn't pay a cent. Rub-a-dub-dub! Music by the box! Thompson, don't miss it. Don't throw a good thing over your shoulder. I want to take you in. I have taken you in. You

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"About a dozen years ago, as nearly as I remember, this young man went on a visit to a relative in a neighboring city, and one afternoon, on the third or fourth day of his stay, he startled a lady member of the household by remarking that he had a feeling that some misfortune had overtaken a wealthy planter whom they both knew very well, and whom I will call Colonel Jones. The colonel was a prominent resident of the doctor's home town and had a large outlying estate, which he was in the habit of visiting once a week.

"On the day of Smith's singular premonition he was on one of those tours of inspection, but failed to come back, and the following morning his corpse was found lying in a cornfield. He had evidently been dead about 24 hours, and from the appearance of the body seemed to have been seized with some sort of fit or convulsion.

"Of course the affair created a great stir, and the police made a pretty thorough investigation, but the only thing they found that merited any special attention was a small, round vial in the dead man's vest pocket. It was about the diameter of a lead pencil by four inches long, and had originally contained a couple of dozen medicinal tablets, which, lying one on top of the other, filled the little bottle to the cork. A few still remained in the bottom.

"Upon inquiry it was learned with no trouble that the tablets were a harmless preparation of soda, and that Jones himself had bought them at a local drug store. That ended suspicion in that quarter, and, for lack of anything better, the coroner returned a verdict of death from sunstroke. There was no autopsy.

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## A Wife's Repentance.

A party of young men were taking dinner a few nights ago at a fashionable cafe, when one of them who is somewhat of a jester called the waiter and said:

"John, go and call Maim—on the phone. If a woman answers, it will be my wife. Tell her that I instructed you to say that I am in the police station for a few hours and will not be at home for dinner. Say to her that the possibility is that I shall not be at home tonight. Understand me, sir?"

John winked a couple of times in a knowing way, bowed deferentially and suggested:

"Supposing nothing, sir? If she asks who is talking, tell her it is the turnkey at the Central station, and she'll never know who told her the lie."

The waiter shuffled away and was presently seen to be having a good deal of fun with him. The jester inferred that it might have something to do with his case and called him over.

"What's amusing you, John?"

"Wouldn't like to tell you, sir; at least right here."

"I guess these fellows understand. Let 'em go!"

"Missus says to tell her husband she is glad he is so nicely located for the night. She knows where he is for once."—Cleveland Leader.

**Wonderful Courage.** That was a magnificent feat performed by a French regiment when they were fighting the Austrians. It happened a long time ago, but the incident was marked by such superlative valor that it will never be forgotten.

The regiment, under Colonel Walther, was sent to take an intrenchment of the Austrians in the heights of the Simplan pass. Arriving at the point, they found the enemy solidly intrenched in what appeared to be an impregnable position. In front of their redoubts and quite separating them from the French force was a deep chasm through which ran a mountain torrent.

How to get across was a problem seemingly impossible to solve. But the colonel was equal to it. He found a long, straight tree with a trunk almost a foot in thickness. This he ordered to be cut down, and the trunk was actually thrust across the chasm under a galling fire. The colonel gave the word to pass over—one man at a time.

The first was shot and pitched down to death in the chasm. The second and third shared his fate, but presently a few succeeded in the desperate attempt. Then the colonel followed, formed the little party on the other side and charged. The enemy, dumfounded at such extraordinary bravery, left their position and fled.—Casells.

**Loyalty.** A Durham coffee recently took unto himself a wife whose friends had done their utmost to dissuade her from marrying, but without success.

Meeting her one day some months after her marriage, a friend remarked: "Hello, Bess! You look right bad! Has 'e been a-thumping yer? I knowed that it would be, but yer would have 'im. Everybody said 'Bob 'ud mak' a fital of yer!"

"Then everybody was wrong!" snapped the ill used wife. "We've been married this eight months, and I ain't got nothin' to say 'bout no 'thumping' dies, but to give our Bob 'is due I will say as 'e ain't had to 'use 'is foot yet. So there!"—Exchange.

**Her Base Ingratitude.** When Duchenois, the great French actress, died, some one met an old man who had been her intimate friend and who was apparently crushed with sorrow. Kindly meant professions of sympathy and consolation failed to cheer him. "For," said he, "it is not so much her loss which troubles me as her base ingratitude. Can you credit it? She left me nothing in her will, and yet I dined with her at her own house three times a week regularly for 30 years!"

**His One Brave Deed.** She was a hero worshiper. Often she would read history just to find some new hero to worship.

Otherwise she would read such novels as "Beautiful Betsy, the Belle of the Brassworks; or, The Baronet's Bride."

Of course this made her feel that she had married beneath her, for her husband had not grown round shouldered from wearing heavy medals.

Occasionally she would tell him that she wished he was a hero.

Once the foolish man told her that he would be a hero if he had a chance.

"You would?" she said in tones of incredulity. "Did you ever do anything in your life that looked like bravery or that seemed valorous in after years?"

He thought of the day when they played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" and he gave the minister \$10 and she became his wife.

But he didn't say anything about it. For a true hero never talks about his glorious, daring deeds.

So she never knew that her husband was a hero.

Isn't it a sad, sad story?—Baltimore American.

## CLOSE FIGURING.

How a Woman Upheld Her Reputation For Economy.

She was the wife of an official of a St. Paul street corporation. Her one hobby was economy. Though her husband made an excellent salary, she was rigid in her rules pertaining to the buying of the necessities for the household. She would haunt bargain counters and market stalls for hours in order to get the benefit of a reduction of a few cents on the article desired.

The corporation official, with much laughter, used to tease his better half about what he called her "stinginess." So one day feeling hurt at his ridicule, she resolved to take him to market with her and demonstrate beyond a doubt that she was a most economical buyer. He consented, stipulating that he was not to be asked to carry the basket.

Arriving at the market, she made several purchases, and then at one stall inquired the price of eggs.

"What?" she exclaimed, "16 cents a dozen? No, indeed, that is too high."

She dragged her reluctant husband after her from one stand to another, still inquiring the price of eggs and always receiving the same answer until near the upper end of the market. Here she found a dealer who offered to sell her eggs in any quantity for 15 cents. To her husband she said joyously:

"There, I told you so. Why, those others were robbers."

Turning to the salesman, she ordered half a dozen eggs, gravely handed him the 8 cents asked in payment and went home, prattling away about the worth of economy in marketing and the alleged willingness of dealers to gouge the unsuspecting customer. And to this day she does not know that her husband and his friends laughed over it at the club.—Baltimore Sun.

**Man's Superiority.** One sees many curious phases of human nature in the safe deposit vaults of a banking institution—from the woman who never by any chance knows where her keys are and go through bag and pocketbook with reckless haste to the man who is not quite certain that he has locked his box and returns to the vault three or four times, puts his key in the lock, shakes it hard and finally goes away convinced that "all is well." But in recent experience with a new customer to whom I was renting a box the climax was reached. When I handed him the keys and said:

"Now, here are two keys. Separate them so that if you lose one you will have the other to admit you."

He quickly replied:

"Very well. I will put one on my key ring and lock the other up in my box."

And yet they tell us that men are more logical than women.—New Liverpool.

**Little Interruptions.** "My boy," said the first proud papa, "has a bad habit of interrupting me when I'm talking. Your kid isn't old enough for that yet."

"No," replied the other. "My boy contents himself with interrupting me when I'm sleeping."—Philadelphia Press.

Edward IV enacted that every Englishman and every Irishman living with an Englishman should have an English bow of his own height.

A girl should learn to bake bread before she learns to paint. It is better to tickle the palate than to tickle the palate.—Chicago Daily News.

**First Synagogue in New York.** In 1685 the Jewish residents of New York petitioned for leave to build a synagogue and sent the petition to the governor and he to the mayor and common council, who refused to grant it on the ground that worship was extended only to sects professing faith in Jesus of Nazareth; but Governor Dongan in the next year of his term granted the permit, and in 1691 the Jews had a place of public worship, which stood on the south side of what is now Beaver street, between Broadway and Broad street. The attendance was 20 families, or about 100 souls.

**Ate Course Dinners.** A woman just arrived from Australia was recently negotiating with an agent in London for a house in one of the newer districts of Kensington. She asked if it was a nice neighborhood. "It is thoroughly desirable, madam," replied the house agent. "They are without exception soup and fish families."

It is not correct to say that a girl "renders" a song. If she lives long enough to become of some use in the world, she may some day render lard, but she can't render a song.—Atchison Globe.

**A Terrible Threat.** "How did you finally break your husband of smoking in the drawing room?"

"I threatened to make a smoking jacket for him myself if he didn't give it up."—Stray Stories.

## ONE THOUGHT.

Though time may dig the grave of deeds And dogmas wither in the sod, My soul will keep the thought it needs, Its swiftest faith in God.

No matter how the world began, Nor where the march of science goes, My trust in something more than man Shall help me bear life's woes. —Ella Wheeler Wilcox in Woman's Home Companion.

**Fast Bowling.** Below is a story found in a recent book, "Talks With the Old English Cricketers," which prompts the reflection that "there were giants in those days" of the "old" cricketers.

A man who did a private business in athletic requisites, at his home in Blackpool was one day approached by a man who asked him if he kept a full supply of cricket requisites.

"Certainly," was the response. "Then," said the man gravely, "wrap me up a bottle of armica, a paper of court plaster and an arm sling. I am going to play in a cricket match this afternoon against Jack Crossland."

**Keeping His Promise.** Mrs. Synnex—When Tom asked me to have him, he promised me that my lightest wish would always be law with him.

Mrs. Sauer—And of course that was all the promise amounted to—merely empty words.

Mrs. Synnex—No, I won't say that. Tom always respects my lightest wishes. It is in matters of importance where he is bound to have his own way.—Boston Transcript.

**Enforced the Rules.** Museum Attendant—You'll please leave your umbrella or cane at the door, sir.

Visitor—Very proper regulation. But it happens I have neither.

Attendant—Then go and get wan. No one is allowed to enter unless he leaves his umbrella or cane at the door. You may read the card for yourself, sir!—London Tit-Bits.

**It's a bad sign.** When you have that obstinate lingering cough which will not be shaken off.

I have used three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery since my correspondence with you, writes Mr. A. F. Novotny, of New York, N. Y. (Box 1437). I feel that I am in need of no more medical assistance. When I started to take your medicine I had a regular consumptive cough, of which I was afraid, and everybody cautioned and warned me concerning it. I was losing weight rapidly, was very pale and had no appetite whatever. Now my condition is changed entirely. I do not cough at all, have gained eight pounds in weight, have recovered my healthy color, and my appetite is enormous."

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## CONDEMNED BY THEIR OWN ORGAN.

The arbitrary action of the Democratic majority of the Board of Supervisors at the last meeting is censured by the Ioue "Echo," their own organ, as follows:

## "POOR DEMOCRACY."

"The action of the Democratic members of the Board of Supervisors at this month's meeting, the first of the week, was, to speak with as much charity as possible, very extraordinary and high handed. Dr. Endicott, county physician and health officer, and R. F. Allen, county hospital superintendent, tendered their resignations to the Board, to take effect on or before the 15th of December, instead of at the next regular meeting of the Board.

"Be it remembered that the terms of Dwyer and Clifton, Democrats, and Brinn, Republican, will expire on January 7th, twenty-three days after the resignations were timed to take effect. The Republican members of the Board opposed the acceptance of the resignations as they were and suggested that the officers tendering them be asked to substitute January 7 for December 15, as the date in the resignations. This would protect the resigners against being 'kicked out,' and would also show the good intent of the retiring Board and resigning officers to the incoming Board, and leave the selection of their successors to the new Board which will organize on January 7th—their rightful prerogative.

"The resignations were accepted, however, by the following vote:

"Ayes—Dwyer, Clifton, McLaughlin, Democrats.

"Noes—Brinn, LeMoin, Republicans.

"Then LeMoin made the same motion which was defeated by the Democratic members of the Board at the June meeting, after being laid over from the May session—that the office of health officer be abolished, and the Democratic members showed their full change of heart since that 'necessary' office has passed into the hands of the Republicans, by voting to abolish it."

## CALIFORNIA PRESS ASSOCIATION.

In San Francisco, Dec. 11, 1900, the annual meeting of the California Press Association was held in the assembly room of the Press Club. Representatives were present from nearly every section of the State. The session was of unusual interest. An excursion of the Association to New Orleans, to take place in February next, was planned. Officers were elected as follows:

W. D. Pennycook, Vallejo, President, S. M. Haskell, Pomona, vice-President, Raleigh Barcar, Vacaville, Secretary, G. M. Francis, Napa, Treasurer. Executive Committee: E. B. Willis, Sacramento, J. F. Thompson, Eureka, Duncan McPherson, Santa Cruz, F. D. Mackinder, St. Helena, A. B. Lemmon, Santa Rosa, F. H. Owen, Winters, T. G. Daniels, Alameda. The officers are ex-officio members of the committee.

## EVERY DOLLAR EQUIVALENT TO GOLD.

"The party in power is committed to such legislation as will better make the currency responsive to the varying needs of business at all seasons and in all sections," says President McKinley in his message. Yes, and every dollar will be equivalent to gold.

THE Isthmian Canal Commission in its report submitted to the President and by him to Congress, states that "the most practicable and feasible route for an isthmian canal under the control, management and ownership of the United States, is that known as the Nicaragua route. The commission estimates the cost of this route at \$200,540,000, being much in excess of any heretofore made, but it is due to increased dimensions and other features not heretofore considered. The commission also estimates the cost of a canal by the Panama route at \$142,342,579, according to one route, or \$156,378,258 according to another route. As between the Nicaragua and Panama route, the commission sums up a number of advantages favorable to the former."

REFERRING to the Chinese trouble, President McKinley says, in his message: "Due compensation may be made in part by increased guarantees of security for foreign rights and immunities, and most important of all, by the opening of China to the equal commerce of the world." Military control of the Philippines, he points out, is imperative until the rebellion is ended. Civil government, meanwhile, is to be organized by the commission in the larger administrative divisions of the islands, as far as this can be safely done.

THE Water and Forest Convention, in session at San Francisco, is one of intense interest to the people of the State, and its deliberations will be awaited with interest.

## RULING ON LIEN LAW.

Judge Belcher, of San Francisco, Makes an Important Decision.

In the Superior Court of San Francisco Judge Belcher filed an opinion last Monday, that will come as a surprise to the legal fraternity. The effect of the decision is to virtually declare unconstitutional Section 1194 of the Code of Civil Procedure which relates to mechanic's liens. The opinion sets aside the practice of years, and if sustained by the Supreme Court will make quite a difference in future procedure.

The section in question provides for the rank of liens against property in the following order:

1. All persons performing manual labor in, on or about the same.
2. Persons furnishing materials.
3. Sub-contractors.
4. Original contractors.

And in case property is sold to satisfy liens the proceeds must be applied in that order, instead of pro rata.

In the case at bar several lien holders embracing the classes given above, had consolidated their suits, in order to test the validity of the law. In rendering his opinion Judge Belcher said: "In this consolidated case the first and second classes would take all of the fund, leaving nothing for the third and fourth class if the statute must be followed. Certain of the lien claimants contended that the section is unconstitutional, and in my estimation that contention is sound.

The Constitution provides (Art. XX, Sec. 15) that: "Mechanics, material men, artisans and laborers of every class shall have a lien upon the property upon which they have bestowed labor or furnished materials, for the value of such labor done and materials furnished, and the Legislature shall provide by law for the speedy and efficient enforcement of all such liens."

By this constitutional provision a direct lien is given to mechanics, material men, artisans and laborers, and nothing is left to the Legislature save the duty of enacting measures for the enforcement of the liens given. The Legislature was not authorized to declare which of these classes, to the exclusion of the others, should be paid. To the contrary, the Legislature was given power, or rather it was directed to provide by law for the "speedy and adequate enforcement" of the liens already given. By the Constitution the liens of all the classes mentioned stand upon the same plane—are equal before the law, and the Legislature had no power to enact that one class should be paid in preference to another. It follows that Sec. 1194, C. C. P., is unconstitutional to the extent that it attempts to create preferred classes of lien claimants.

The constitutional protection is extended to "mechanics, material men, artisans and laborers of every class." These protected classes do not embrace contractors or sub-contractors. A contractor or sub-contractor might chance to be skilled in the practice of some mechanic art, but his contract or sub-contract would not necessarily call for the display of mechanical ability, and therefore I do not see how either could be said to be embraced within the denomination "mechanics." Certainly they are not embraced within either of the other three classes. A corporation might be a contractor or sub-contractor, but, clearly, a corporation, in this particular, is not within the constitutional intent. In my judgment, therefore, the liens of contractors or sub-contractors must depend upon the force and effect of the general law.

All the lien claimants proved their claims, or they were admitted, and they are to be treated with perfect equality."

## Many a Lover

Has turned with disgust from an otherwise lovable girl with an offensive breath. Karl's Clever Root Tea purifies the breath by its action on the bowels, etc. nothing else will. Sold for years on absolute guarantee. Price 25c and 50c. For sale by A. Goldner, the Druggist.

## DOCUMENTS RECORDED.

DEEDS.  
M. J. and J. N. Holman to Adelle Bagley—Part of lot 2, block 2, Ione; \$250.  
B. F. Taylor et al. to U. F. Ellinger—Land in S 3 and 4, T 8 N, R 10 E, 300.73 acres, also certain water rights and ditches; \$250.  
H. P. Cottingham to Andrea Piccardi et al.—160 acres in S 17, T 7 N, R 13 E; \$1000.  
L. Katz, admr et al. to D. A. Lambert—Part of lot 13, block 1, Amador City; \$300.  
D. A. Lambert to Catherine A. Lambert—Same, deed of gift.  
Martha L. Freeman, guard. to E. G. Freeman Co.—Und 1/4 int in lot 8, block 7, Jackson; \$1000.  
W. Gaskill to Colfax Daugherty—Lot 30, Hamilton subdivision of lot 4, block 6, Jackson; \$10.  
S. H. Lorie to W. J. McGee—525 acres in S 18, S 30, T 8 N, R 12 E; \$5.

PATENTS.  
U. S. to A. Cottingham—Land in S 37, T 7 N, R 13 E.  
U. S. to Thos. Anderson—Land in S 36, T 7 N, R 11 E.

TRUST DEED.  
Californian Canonicos to Joseph Drendell—560 acres in S 14, S 15, T 6 N, R 12 E; security for a \$1000 mortgage.  
Satisfaction acknowledged by D. B. and S. C. Spagnoli mortgages, mortgage executed by C. Canonicos—Same.  
Sat. acknowledged by E. Marro, mortgagor, mortgage executed by S. H. Hawkins—Chattel, in Central Hotel, Jackson.  
Fidelity Loan to C. Horton—SW 1/4 of S 34, T 8 N, R 10 E, M. D. B. & M.  
Poggi to Nell A. Macquarrie—Personal property.

MORTGAGE.  
Orrie Jones et al. to Fred Yeager—120 acres in S 34, T 6 N, R 10 E; security for note \$150.  
CHATEL MORTGAGE.  
Geo. I. Wright et al. to Bank of Amador County—Personal property; security for note, \$800.

NOTICES.  
Proof of labor of C. A. Stirmann on Falcon mine, Volcano district; \$100.  
Proof of labor of M. Clavich et al. on New Ragusa placer, Oleta district; \$300.  
Proof of labor of M. Clavich et al. on Nugget quartz mine, Mt. Echo district; \$100.  
Proof of labor of M. Clavich et al. on Red Cloud quartz mine, Plymouth district; \$100.  
Location notice of L. P. Hanev on L. P. Hanev copper claim, Camp Opra district.  
Proof of labor of Kennedy, M. & Co. on N. Clyde q. m. Jackson district; \$125.  
Proof of labor of Kennedy, M. & Co. on part of Clyde q. m. Jackson district; \$125.  
Proof of labor of G. B. Ratto on Virginia q. m. Clinton district; \$100.  
Proof of labor of G. B. Ratto on St. Mary's q. m. Clinton district; \$100.  
Location notice of J. H. Moore et al. on Blue Lead gravel claim, Lancha Plana district.  
Proof of labor of Mrs. S. W. Steele on Steele q. m. Clinton district; \$100.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS.  
In matter of and guardianship of F. Pearl Freeman, minor—Order confirming sale of und 1/2 of lot 8, block 7, Jackson.  
Notice of forfeiture of C. D. Bingham—Notice to T. H. Loney to perform labor to hold same.  
Notice of labor of C. D. Bingham—Notice to T. H. Loney to perform labor to hold same.  
R. H. Smith to Geo. I. Wright—Bill of sale of und 1/2 int in Amador Co. Abstract plant.  
Notice of labor of J. H. Wright—Bill of sale of und 1/2 int in Amador Co. Abstract plant.  
Notice of labor of J. H. Wright—Bill of sale of und 1/2 int in Amador Co. Abstract plant.  
Hotel on lot 7, block 10, Jackson; 5 year lease.  
SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE.  
U. S. to G. R. Smith in the Amador Co. Abstract plant.

Tennis flannel, 20 yards for \$1.00 at the Red Front Clearance Sale.

We handle all kinds of building lumber, and the quality and price makes ready sale. Call at Amador County Flour Mills, Ione.

Twenty yards best gingham for \$1 at the Red Front Clearance Sale.

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BORN.  
DeWitt—In Jackson, Dec. 9, 1900, to Mrs. W. DeWitt, a daughter.

DIED.

PORSHY—In Jackson Gate, Dec. 13, 1900, James Madison Porshy, aged 68 years and 7 months, a native of Ohio.

## JACKSON REPUBLICAN CLUB.

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M. A. No. 2192

## APPLICATION FOR MINERAL PATENT.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,

SACRAMENTO, CAL., November 28, 1900.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT G. B. Ratto, of San Francisco, Cal., has this day filed application for a mineral patent for fourteen hundred and ninety-seven and fifty-four hundredths (1497.54) linear feet of the Virginia quartz ledge, located on the north side of the Virginia quartz mine and North East corner of Steele quartz mine, from which post a blazed pine 3/4 inch diameter, scribed B. T. bears South 22 degrees, 27 minutes, East 178.38 feet, north end of open cut on ledge, bears South 22 degrees, 27 minutes, East 64.88 feet, 1.433 chains, 238.32 feet to post 1 x 4 inches, 3/4 feet long, at North extremity of lode line, scribed "No. 5-3234", from which a blazed pine 3/4 inch diameter, scribed B. T. bears North 48 degrees, 35 minutes, West distance 34.98 feet, 1.90 chains, 262.34 feet to post 3 x 3 inches, 4 feet long, 18 seconds in ground, in earth and stone, scribed "No. 5-3234", from which a blazed pine 3/4 inch diameter, scribed B. 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## FROM THE LODE MINES

## Excellent Progress at the Mutual Mine.

## THE ROYAL MINE LODE IN CALAVERAS COUNTY

## New Mining Companies Formed.—The Gopher-Boulder Is Being Explored.

## Mutual-Sutter Creek.

Mr. S. R. Porter, of the firm of Porter & Cheney, of San Francisco, and superintendent of the Mutual mine near Sutter Creek, was a county seat visitor Monday. He stated that at the Mutual mine a crosscut had been run at the 400-level to the main ledge and that drifting is now in progress. Ore is being taken out preparatory to a mill run, which will be made within the next six weeks. The ore is expected to average well.

## Del Monte Mine—Calaveras.

B. C. O'Neill, superintendent of the Del Monte mine, near Railroad Flat, was in Jackson last week, and reports that the tunnel has been pushed to the shaft and the shaft cleared of all debris and that an east drift was found extending 25 feet on the ledge showing over 3 feet of excellent rock. Three assay samples were made from this drift, one on each of 3 veins of quartz, the largest vein, 24 inches wide, assayed at the Lincoln by F. A. Voorheis, gave \$16.53, and an average of the three veins, shows the ledge to have a value of \$15.38. East of shaft. An east drift, 35 feet below this, extends 75 feet east, and shows over 3 feet the entire distance, with 31 feet on face. Mr. Voorheis made an assay from this drift last summer that gave \$45. The indications could not be more favorable and everything is open to inspection.

## CALAVERAS COUNTY.

Prospect: The royal mine lode is plainly traced through the entire county of Calaveras, and will undoubtedly, in the near future, prove a great gold producer, the wonderful showing of the Royal Mine demonstrated that with capital, other mines as good or better than the Royal can be found. Capital is what is needed, and no better returns on an investment can be found than right here in Calaveras county, where quartz mining is yet in its infancy.

One of the most promising mining propositions in the section, is the Buffalo Consolidated Mining Company's group of mines, located in the north east end of Salt Spring Valley, on the Royal Mine lode. This group consists of nine claims, some of which, have been partially developed with excellent showing. Thomas Dolan first discovered large quartz croppings in this locality several years since, and located several claims. His locations were quickly followed by other prospecting, and showed that the croppings carried free gold, some of them being very rich. For several years, lack of capital prevented development to any extent.

Three years ago Hon. Alexander Brown, Henry A. Meyers and the Donner Bros., started in a small way to sink a shaft on the Lost Log mine. Finding it slow work, they bonded the property to H. G. Stevenson and J. C. McBride of San Francisco. They incorporated under the name of "The Lost Log Mining Company," and sunk a shaft to a depth of nearly three hundred feet, a little more than two hundred feet being vertical. Several hundred feet of drifts and crosscuts were run and a large body of good ore was opened up, and every indication points to its continuation. The company after spending several thousand dollars and finding that heavier machinery was necessary for further development, decided to obtain other properties in the immediate vicinity, covering all the parallel and cross veins on the lode. The company incorporated under the laws of the State of Colorado, where mining stock is not assessable, and sent a representative east to raise sufficient capital for the development of and working of their property on a much larger scale. Mr. E. A. Davison, who for many years conducted a large dairy farm in San Joaquin county, and one of the owners in the property, has gone east to place a portion of the stock.

One of the most promising mines in this group is the Big Bonanza. A tunnel has been run on this property, and at a depth of not over fifty feet, a well defined, thirty-five foot vein was found. Some of the rock in the foot-wall assays nearly forty dollars per ton, while the entire vein carries considerable free gold.

On the Addition, also in this group, a tunnel is now being run to tap the vein. They are in about eighty-five feet and expect to cut the vein at not more than one hundred and twenty-five feet. The croppings on the mine are rich, and further development will undoubtedly show a valuable property. Nearly all of the Company's property prospects well, and with sufficient capital, properly expended, they will undoubtedly develop one of the best paying properties in the State.

The officers and directors on the company are Dr. J. D. Arnold, E. J. McCutchen, attorney, H. G. Stevenson, secretary of the Utica Mining Co., all of San Francisco, State Controller Polgan, Hon. Alex. Brown, Chairman State Board of Equalization and W. D. Woodman, attorney, of Denver, Colorado. Dr. Arnold, president of the company, is interested with C. D. Lane in his home enterprise, and is a practical business and mining man.

## TUOLUMNE COUNTY

New Era: The full complement of stamps—twenty—are dropping at the Dead Horse on good ore. Superintendent Kane is prospecting general underground work at the mine.

The trial of the suit of Gruwell vs Rocca for the possession of mining ground in the Basin country was concluded before Judge Nicol last week and will be argued today. The controversy is over the Madison, April and Reward claims and surrounding mines. The evidence in all is in favor of Gruwell and points to a decision in his favor.

Independent: T. W. Webb and T. J. Curley have filed a complaint in the Superior Court against J. E. Cleveland and others. Plaintiffs ask for the possession of the St. Paul quartz mine and \$500 damages. The title to the mine is the question in dispute. The property is situated near the Carlon ranch, south of the Tuolumne river.

Articles of incorporation of the Grand View Gold Mining Co., have been filed with the County Clerk. Tuolumne county is the principal place of business. There are five directors: C. W. Ayers, of the county; J. R. Scupham, M. A. Rothchild, F. M. Parcella, of San Francisco; and Herbert Gayles of Oakland. Capital stock \$250,000 with shares at \$1 each.

The Stockton Gravel Mfg. Co., is rushing work at the Philadelphia Diggings with its accustomed vigor. The company has spent thousands of dollars in developing this property, and it is rapidly being brought into a condition to handsomely repay its owners for their industry and enterprise. It would be good for Tuolumne if we had a few more go-ahead concerns like the Stockton Co., who knows a good thing when it sees it and has the courage to back up its judgment with its cash.

## EL DORADO COUNTY.

Republicans: J. M. Bassett, who is again in this county after having returned to Oakland, is engaged in exporting the Gopher-Boulder mine near Kelsey for some English capitalists. A mill test will be made of some of the ore we understand. If the results prove to be satisfactory considerable money will be expended in developing the property.

Nugget: An immense dam is being built by the French Company in Long Canon preparatory to hydraulicking this winter.

The whistle at the Alpine mine can be distinctly heard in Georgetown every day, which indicates that the development work on that property is being pushed forward.

Messrs. C. E. Hughes, James Davey and Edward Simpson of this place have bonded the Maggini mine and are preparing to do extensive prospecting work. The mine is an extension of the Hart Consolidated.

## California Gains One.

The first bill of the session introduced in the House was by Representative Crumacker, Republican, of Indiana, "Making an apportionment of Representatives in Congress under the eleventh census." It provides an increase of membership from 357 to 365. The following states gain in representation: Arkansas 1, California 1, Colorado 1, Connecticut 1, Florida 1, Illinois 2, Massachusetts 2, Minnesota 2, Missouri 1, New Jersey 2, New York 3, North Dakota 1, Pennsylvania 2, Texas 2, Washington 1, West Virginia 1.

The following states lose: Kansas 1, Louisiana 2, Mississippi 3, Nebraska 1, North Carolina 4, South Carolina 3, Virginia 1.

Over The Grade. Frank Marchant, son of Assessor Jack Marchant, a fireman on the Southern Pacific road, and one of the best on the division, has been visiting his parents recently. Last Saturday he visited Jackson and when coming down the Kennedy grade he had a slight mishap. He was passing a freight train and drove too close to the edge of the grade resulting in a tipover. In falling his head came in contact with a telegraph pole, but he was not seriously injured. The young lady with him escaped injury. They dined at the New National after the mishap.

Woods' Majority. We notice that our Democratic exchanges are giving what purports to be the official majority of S. D. Woods for Congress in this district and places it all the way from 478 to 874. The official figures now on file with the Secretary of the State show that for the full term Woods received 23,019 votes and Sprout 21,851, being a majority of 1,168. For the unexpired term Woods received 22,790, and Sprout 21,916, giving Woods a majority of 882.—Prospect.

Sick Headaches. The curse of overworked womanhood, and quickly and surely cured by Kart's Clover Root Tea, the great blood-purifier and tissue-builder. Money refunded if not satisfactory. Price, 35c and 50c. For sale by A. Goldner, the Druggist.

The Finest Building Lots. Remember that W. P. Peek has the finest building lots for sale in Jackson. Terms easy. See display advertisement in this paper. 3-2-f

Has it ever struck you that you can buy Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey for almost the same price that is paid for ordinary whiskey? Your dealer has it. 20 doz. large size men's initial silk hdkfs. at 45 cents at the White House. 12-7-4t

The best calico, 25 yards for \$1.00, at the Red Front Clearance Sale. 10-16-4t

You can always get strictly first-class fresh fish the year round at A. B. Caminetti's Central Market. 6-8-4t

Ladies, good dress shoes at \$1.15 at the Red Front Clearance Sale. 10-16-4t

Good tweedling, 25 yards for \$1.00 at the Red Front Clearance Sale. 10-16-4t

20 doz. fancy embroidered silk hdkfs. at 10 cents at the White House. 12-7-4t

Absolutely the best in the market—lone four. 8-24-4t

## Jackson Republican (Lub.)

An interesting and well attended meeting of the Jackson Republican Club was held in Dr. A. M. Gall's offices, last Monday evening. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. C. A. Herrick. 1st Vice-President, John B. Francis. 2d Vice-President, B. F. Taylor. 3d Vice-President, Webster Smith. Secretary, James E. Dye. Treasurer, J. H. Laughton.

The committee appointed to suggest needed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws reported, said report being accepted and the committee discharged with thanks for the efficient services performed. The committee was composed of the following gentlemen: John B. Francis, Chairman. Will A. Newcum, Secretary. W. A. Knapp. C. A. Herrick. C. W. Caldwell.

The Constitution and By-Laws, as amended, adopted by a unanimous vote, and 25 copies ordered printed. The Club is thoroughly organized and the utmost harmony prevails. The regular meetings of the Club will be held on the second Monday evening of each month at 8 o'clock sharp. The next meeting night will be January 14, 1901, and the place of meeting Dr. A. M. Gall's offices, Well & Renno building.

All Republicans of Jackson and vicinity are requested to attend the meetings of the Club and sign the roll of membership. There is no membership fee. All funds necessary for defraying the expenses of the Club are raised by voluntary contributions.

The Club is to be congratulated on the superb work performed during the campaign of 1900, and the energy and enthusiasm with which it is preparing for future work.

## Death of R. Webb's Brother.

From the "Advertiser," of Adelaide, Australia, we clip the following notice relative to the death of Mr. Wm. Webb, brother of Mr. Richard Webb of this place:

"On Tuesday morning Mr. William Webb, a gentleman well known and highly esteemed in commercial circles, passed quietly away at his residence, Edward street, Norwood, after an illness which had been patiently endured for 12 months. Mr. Webb arrived in Adelaide 54 years ago, being then a boy of 10. He was subsequently apprenticed as a printer, and was for some time manager of the typographical department of the "Telegraph," which eventually was incorporated with the "Express." He was for some years one of the overseers of "The Advertiser" printing department, and when in 1872 he withdrew from that position to join Messrs. Vardon and Pritchard in the inauguration of a new firm, the members of the staff showed their appreciation of his sterling qualities by presenting him with an illuminated address. About 12 years ago the firm was dissolved, and Mr. Webb, in conjunction with one of his sons, started the present business of Webb and Son, from which he retired three years later. For 40 years he had resided at Norwood, and although of a very retiring disposition he made many personal friends. He was one of the directors of the East-End Market Company. He leaves a widow, five daughters and two sons. His father also survives him, and is 95 years of age."

An Opportunity.

The Southern Pacific north of Los Angeles and Santa Fe railroads have both made a rate of 14 fare to Coronado, Cal., and return, on the occasion of the meeting of the Field Trials Club to be held there beginning January 14th, 1901.

This rate goes into effect on Dec. 31, 1900, and is extended to all persons who wish to attend the trials. The indications are that there will be hundreds go as the reduced rate and favorable conditions for showing the bird dogs off to best advantage makes the meeting of special interest.

Officers Elected.

The following officers for Excelsior Parlor No. 31, N. S. G. W., were elected at its last meeting: Past President—E. G. Turner. President—C. M. Smith. First Vice President—Robert I. Kerr. Second Vice President—J. A. Cademartori.

Third Vice President—S. N. Spagnoli. Marshal—G. D. Calvin. Recording Secretary—B. R. Breese. Financial Secretary—C. M. Kelley. Trustee—L. A. Kent. Surgeons—Drs. Gall and Endicott.

Known Here.

The San Francisco papers of Dec. 10, contained a notice of the death of Isaac M. Stanley, who died of delirium caused by a fall. Stanley used to keep a saloon here, and married Miss Emma Gleason, whose parents lived in the house recently remodeled by District Attorney C. P. Vicini. Stanley was about 41 years of age when he died.

## What Is Shiloh?

A grand old Remedy for Coughs, Colds and Consumption; used through the world for half a century, has cured innumerable cases of incipient consumption and relieved many in advanced stages. If you are not satisfied with the results we will refund your money. Price, 50c and \$1. For sale by A. Goldner the Druggist.

## Do You Want Money.

George I. Wright & Son, searchers of records, have the agency of the Pacific States Loan and Building Company, of San Francisco, and are authorized to solicit investments and negotiate loans. The plans of this company are excellent and are deserving of careful investigation by all who desire loans. Office in Spagnoli Building, opposite Hall of Records, Summit street, Jackson.

Middy suits from \$1.00 up at the White House. 12-7-4t

Baby's shoes at 20 cents at the Red Front Clearance Sale. 10-16-4t

Who sells at the lowest prices? The White House. 12-7-4t

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## CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMN

## Amador Hotel Leased for Three Years.

## A BUDGET OF SPICY ITEMS FROM DEFENDER

## Mining News at Defender.—W. C. T. U. Prepares for Christmas at Aukum.

AMADOR CITY, Dec. 12, 1900.—Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap returned from the city last week, and the former is much improved in health and is able to get around the yard.

Mrs. Peters, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Caldwell, at Jackson, has returned home. John Vance and wife came down from Placerville last week to visit relatives.

Gus Grillo of Volcano, was a visitor in town last week. Mrs. Leonard has gone to the City to visit friends.

Mr. Guthrie went to the Bay last week. His many friends would be glad to see him return.

Lizzie Jeffrey, the eldest daughter of Edward Jeffrey, was on the sick list for some time but is now improving. Fred Setzer has leased his Hotel for three years, and himself and family are residing in the house recently vacated by Joe Esola.

Messrs. Knight and Hinkson were down from Placerville last week.

Miss Vincent of San Jose, who was the guest of Mrs. Lambert for two weeks, returned to her home Saturday.

Miss Lizzie Pratt had the misfortune to break her leg near the ankle, but is getting along nicely under the care of Dr. Baker.

Ray Ricknell was over from Drytown Friday.

Mrs. Author and little girls, went to Folsom last week to remain for a while.

Messrs. McWayne and Weymouth of Drytown, passed through Amador Saturday.

Andrew Cuneo has been here from the City calling on friends.

Fred Gleason moved over from Sutter Saturday. He has employment at the South Spring Hill.

Misses Lillie Setzer and Josie Mooney visited Sutter Saturday.

On Monday night of last week, High Chief Ranger Boehm, visited Court Amador A. O. F., thereby meeting and instructing in their work all members. After the lodge meeting all repaired to the banquet hall where a sumptuous repast was served by the Circle members, followed by a very pleasing address by Mr. Boehm to which both Court and Circle members listened attentively. The result will be more candidates for initiation.

Miss Hattie Hinkson visited here with her family Saturday and Sunday. Miss Madge is recovering from her severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Reeves have gone to the City to spend a week with friends.

Miss Mayme Hornberger, who has been teaching the Farnhams Ridge school, has returned to her home, as the school has closed for the winter.

J. R. Trelogan and C. Bunker, accompanied by Misses Daisy Fox and Lizzie Culbert, went to Placerville Saturday, when C. Bunker took a Degree in the Knights Templar Lodge.

Several of our young people enjoyed a pleasant horseback ride to Plymouth on Sunday.

Dave Gray was over from Sutter one day last week.

Duncan Gilchrist is in town Sunday. Mrs. and Miss Mitchell spent Friday with friends in Sutter.

Dr. Freshman and Pete Dabovich drove over to Plymouth Sunday.

Our public school will close on Friday for a vacation of three weeks.

T. Smitherman and J. Plummer were over from Sutter Sunday.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Setzer tendered them a surprise on Tuesday night of last week, at their new home. They were busy talking with visitors when the door opened with a well at the head. About thirty-five followed, which surprised them so completely they hardly knew what to say or do. Speeches were made and games played, in which old and young took part. A very enjoyable evening was spent, all hoping to meet again soon.

Through the efforts of the Amador Dramatic Club, our City has been illuminated by electricity. Many thanks are tendered them for their good work.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blamey were given a surprise at their home last Thursday night. It was indeed a surprise as they had retired but were awakened by a number of voices, when they arose and joined in the games. All enjoyed themselves greatly. Refreshments were served to which all did ample justice.

There will be a Xmas Tree in the M. E. church on Xmas eve. A nice programme is being prepared for the occasion. Admission fee of ten cents will be charged and the proceeds go toward buying books for the school.

George Wrigglesworth was tendered a surprise party at his home on Saturday night, the event was in honor of his seventeenth birthday. The young folks gathered about nine o'clock, and he being out to spend the evening, came in shortly after, and was delighted to see about thirty of his friends gathered around. A jolly evening was spent in the same old way. Everyone expressed themselves as having spent a pleasant evening. IMA J.

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## HOW ZULU WOMEN SEW.

They Use Skewers For Needles and Giraffe Sinews For Thread.

The skill of the Zulus of South Africa, in sewing fur is a household word in South Africa, and some of the other tribes compete with them. The needle employed is widely different from that used by the ordinary needlewomen. In the first place, it has no eye; in the second, it is like a skewer, pointed at one end and thick at the other.

The thread is not of cotton, but is made of the sinews of various animals, the best being made from the sinews in the neck of a giraffe. It is stiff, inelastic, with a great tendency to "kink" and tangle itself up with anything near it. Before being used it is steeped in hot water until it is quite soft and is then beaten between two smooth stones, which causes it to separate into filaments, which can thus be obtained of any length and thickness. Thus the seamstress has a considerable amount of labor before she commences with the real work in hand.

Finally she squats on the ground (for no native stands to work or do anything else who can possibly help it) and, taking her needle, bores two holes in the edges of the rug or garment on which she is working. The thread is then pushed through with the butt of the needle, drawn tight, and two more holes are made with a like result, the skewer progressing very slowly, but fast enough for a country where time is of no value whatever.

The skin upon which the seamstress is working is damped with water before she commences, and as the damp thread and hide dry out they bring the work very closely together.

## Horses in Battle.

One of the most curious sights to be seen in a cavalry charge is the various riderless horses galloping in the line in perfect order. At the charge of Balaclava the front rank of one regiment was composed to a great extent of riderless animals, their masters having dropped one by one. It would seem that in the excitement of the moment the horses lose all conception of what is happening around them and probably fail to notice the fall of their riders.

The return of riderless horses to camp is an almost certain sign of defeat. When a cavalry charge is successful, the horses will, as I have said, all keep up together, even though they have lost their riders, but when a force is routed the first news of ill omen to those in the rear will be the return of the horses with empty saddles and stirrups dangling free. No more sorry sight can be imagined than to illustrate the callous feeling these animals have under fire a case which happened at Ladysmith during the siege may be cited. A farrier sergeant was engaged in shoeing an officer's horse in the open ground behind the stables of a hotel and had already put one or two nails into the shoe when a shell came screaming through the air. The next moment the missile burst five or six yards away from where the sergeant and the horse were standing, and the splinters flew around both, but failed to touch either. When the smoke had cleared, the horse was to be seen with its foot still in the man's apron, quite undisturbed by the incident.—Pearson's Magazine.

## Buying a Fan in Spain.

This is how a Spanish senorita bargains for her fan, according to Miss Katharine Lee Bates, who spent some time in Spain studying the people and customs of that sunny clime:

There is nothing sordid about it. Her haggling is a social concession that at once puts the black eyed young salesman at her mercy.

"But the fan seems to me the least bit dear, senor?"

He shrugs his shoulders and flings out his arm in protest.

"Ah, senorita! You do not see how beautiful the work is. I am giving it away at 6 pesetas."

She lifts her eyebrows half incredulously, all bewitchingly.

"At 5 pesetas, senor?"

He runs his hand through his black hair in chivalrous distress.

"But the peerless work, senorita! And this other too. I sacrifice it at 4 pesetas."

She touches both fans lightly.

"You will let us have the two at 7 pesetas, senor?"

Her eyes dance over his confusion. He catches the gleam, laughs back, throws up his hands.

"Bueno, senorita! At what you please!"

And the senorita trips away contented with a sharp bargain, although—Spanish gallantry, even when genuine, goes farther on the lips than otherwise—the price was probably not much more remote from what pleased the smooth tongued clerk than from what she pleased.—Youth's Companion.

## An Ingenious Toper.

An eminent tragedian, given to intoxicants, was once locked up in a room at the rear of the theater to keep him in proper condition till he was called to go on the stage. One door of the compartment opened on the street, and while looking through the keyhole he saw a man passing.

Calling him up to the door, he pushed some money through a crack and instructed him to go to the public house at the opposite corner and procure a pint of gin and a clay pipe, promising to reward him for his trouble.

The man did as directed, and when he returned with the articles, the actor told him to put the stem of the pipe through the keyhole and pour the gin carefully into the bowl.

These instructions also followed, and the result was that when the manager called to notify him of his turn he found him in a very happy frame of mind, but not at all in a condition calculated to add to his fame as an actor.—London Tit-Bits.

## Useful Some Day Perhaps.

Husband—What! You bought an artificial arm?

Wife—Yes, dear. It was a great bargain, and—

Husband—Great Scott! What are you thinking of? You haven't any earthly use for such a thing.

Wife—But, dear, you know you travel on the railroads a great deal, and you can never tell what may happen.—Philadelphia Press.

## From Sky to Pawnshop.

Pawnbrokers take some curious pledges, but it is not often that they receive one from another world. A London pawnshop, however, exhibits in its window an unredeemed pledge, a magnificent aerolite, a mass of fused metal that fell, as it were, from heaven to provide a poor man with his beer.

A ticket bears the statement that it was brought from the arctic regions by a sailor.—New York Tribune.

## A Noiseless Ring Game.

The small rubber rings that are used in every household with which to seal preserve jars may be made the means of much amusement when a lively game is desired for the amusement of friends. First obtain a smooth head of a four or seven barrel and see that the pieces are all fastened together, forming a circular board, or any smooth board about a square foot in size will serve the purpose.

Procure ten coat hooks of medium size and secure them into the board and mark above each hook its number, ranging from No. 1 to No. 10. A hole may be made in the upper end of the board or a screw eye inserted by which to hang it upon a nail in the wall.

No. 10 is a sort of "bullseye," and a player, having three of the rubber rings, takes turns in throwing them from a position about ten feet away, endeavoring to "hook" as many on the board as possible. A score is kept of the points gained by each player, the one first getting 100 points being the winner. However, exactly 100 points must be made. For instance, if a player has 99 he has to work for "hook No. 1," as any other hook would carry him over the mark.

This difficulty adds to the interest of the game.

An advantage of the game is that no noise is made nor damage done by the rings, and it may be improvised by any boy or girl.—New York Sun.

## A Misunderstanding.

Mr. G. W. Stevens in his book, "In India," says that the first sight of that country is amazing and stupefying, because everything is so noticeable that you notice nothing. The common crows are blue, the oxen have humps. It is a new life in a new world. In describing the native life he gives this story of their indifference to punishment:

A simple riot the other day had said goodbye to his relatives and was pinioned. When suddenly he asked to speak again to his brother.

"Recollect," he said, "it's 20 kava surs of barley that man owes me, not dawa surs," which are smaller. Then he turned and was hanged without moving a muscle.

Another man, a Pathan, was being hanged, when the rope broke. The warder bade him go up on to the scaffold again, but he objected.

"No," he said, "I was sentenced to be hanged, and hanged I've been."

"Not so, friend," argued the warder. "You were sentenced to be hanged until you were dead, and you're not dead!"

It was a new view to the Pathan, and he turned to the superintendent, "Is that right, sahib?"

"Yes, that's right."

"Very well, I didn't understand."

And he went composedly up the steps and was hanged again.

## Worshipping a Turtle.

At a place called Kotron, on the French Ivory Coast, the natives believe that to eat or destroy a turtle would mean death to the guilty one or sickness among the family. The fetich men, of which there are plenty, declare that years ago a man went to sea fishing. In the night his canoe was thrown upon the beach empty. Three days afterward a turtle came ashore at the same place with the man on its back alive and well. Since that time they have never eaten or destroyed one of that species, although they enjoy other species.

If one happens now to be washed ashore, there is a great commotion in the town. Firstly, the women sit down and start singing and beating sticks; next a small piece of white cloth (color must be white) is placed on the turtle's back. Food is then prepared and placed on the cloth, generally plantains, rice and palm oil. Then, amid a lot of more singing, dancing and antics of the fetich people, it is carried back into the sea and goes on its way rejoicing.

## Imprisoned by an Ostrich.

A guardsman in the reserve of officers who is better known for his swag than his brains had an unfortunate experience in South Africa.

He was stationed about 100 miles from Cape Town at a remote depot. One morning a farmer stopped him as he was taking a constitutional and warned him against crossing an inclosure containing a cock ostrich which had become bad tempered. The guardsman said that no ostrich ever hatched would turn him out of his way and went on unmoved.

As he had not returned home four hours afterward his brother officers were alarmed and sent out search parties. What was their surprise to discover him lying on his back unburt, with a cock ostrich sitting on his chest.

The bird had knocked him down each time he had tried to rise, but could not hurt him while he lay flat on his back. Yet leave his enemy he declined to do and therefore sat quietly upon him until driven off by the rescue party.—London Express.

## Her Opinion.

"You see," said the beauty confidentially, "my father likes the count very much. But he is afraid of dear boy is inclined to be careless about money matters. What do you think about it?"

"The fact that he has proposed to you," said Miss Cayenne thoughtfully, "might possibly be taken as very good evidence to the contrary."—Washington Star.

## Adjourned in Due Form.

"Mr. Nevergo," the young woman said, suppressing a yawn, "when the business of a meeting is ended what is the parliamentary form for bringing the proceedings to a close?"

"Somebody moves that the meeting adjourn," replied the young man, "and then—"

"Well, if you'll move," she interrupted, "we'll adjourn."

## A Queer Military Law.

When a British soldier is taken a prisoner of war, he is guilty of an offense against the queen and is liable to be put upon trial should there be any doubt that he gave up his liberty when there was really no necessity to do so. He must then prove that it was impossible for him to take any other course without uselessly throwing away his life.

## The Queen.

"My wife," he said proudly, "has been known as the queen of hearts."

"No doubt," they answered, "it was because she took the knave."—Chicago Post.

## The Return Proper.

The Collector—Here it is Tuesday, and you haven't paid a cent on that watch. You promised to have the money for me Saturday.

The Young Man—Well, it is only Friday by the watch. It is that much slow.—Indianapolis Press.

## ABSENTMINDEDNESS.

Abundities Into Which Victims of the Habit Have Fallen.

When lapses of memory become habitual, the person is properly called absentminded. The Chicago Tribune relates the following absurdities into which some victims of this disease have fallen:

A bridegroom of 24 hours left his wife, strolled around to his mother-in-law's house and asked her if her daughter was at home. This came from force of habit. He had been calling there daily for some time, and it probably occurred to him that he had not paid his usual visit.

A Chicago bank president is unable to account for three-quarters of an hour of his life. He went into a restaurant as usual and ordered his lunch. Nearly an hour later he found himself in his office chair and suddenly remembered the order.

He went back across the street and asked if the luncheon was ready. The clerk informed him that he had eaten, paid the bill and gone away some 15 minutes before, that he had put his hat on as he went out and that he (the clerk) had not noticed anything peculiar in his actions.

The bank president congratulates himself that he can be trusted to behave like an ordinary mortal even when he doesn't happen to have his mind with him.

An editor of a daily paper has laid himself open to unkind remarks by trying to take up a collection in his office. Happening to want a small coin, he turned to his fellow worker and asked for a quarter.

"Haven't got it, but here's a dollar," the man replied as he tossed it over. The editor put the dollar in his pocket and immediately turned to a special writer at the next desk and said:

"Miss —, could you lend me a quarter?" Then, seeing the man from whom he had got the dollar grin, he added hastily: "Oh, never mind. I just got a dollar from Brown."

In analyzing his conduct he said that Brown's reply that he did not have a quarter was apparently the only part of the transaction that made any impression upon him. But he is under suspicion in that office and will probably never be able to live it down.

## His Sympathy.

An old housewife in the country was bemoaning her poverty to an unsympathetic husband.

"Things ain't as they used ter be," she complained. "Why, I ain't got anything like I used ter hev. I ain't got quilts enough ter go round the beds, there's two of the best chairs broken, an I ain't got no dress that's really fit ter go ter meetin, an if I was ter die to-morrow I wouldn't hev a cap ter be buried in."

The old man had stood the whining as long as he could.

"Blast it all, then," he fiercely ejaculated, "why didn't yer die when yer did hev a cap?"

## Fire and Mosquitoes.

Italian peasants living in swampy regions still follow the old custom of lighting fires for the purpose of purifying the air of malarial poison. As a matter of fact, this is the worst thing they could do, as the fire attracts mosquitoes, which are now known to be transmitters of malarial fever.

At Peckforton, Cheshire, England, it is to be seen a very queer beehive. It is in the shape of a castle on an elephant's back and is carved in stone.

Next to opium in power are certain kinds of grasses, notable among which is hemp, which causes intoxication and amnesia.

## Won by His Retort.

At one of their joint discussions which took place in Kentucky some years ago Tom Stuart, then editor of the Winchester Democrat, gave his opponent, I. N. Boone, a descendant of the great Daniel, a blow that fairly knocked him out of the race for the legislature.

Boone was making his regular speech and at the proper place in it he referred to the matter of his relation to the tolling masses. "My friends," said he, holding up a pair of hands that looked as if they had not been washed in a week, "to let you see for yourself that I am a horny handed son of toil, I ask you to look at these hands, and," turning to Stuart, "I would ask my pale faced young friend from the city what he thinks of them?"

Stuart was on his feet in a minute. "I do not desire to embarrass my distinguished opponent, ladies and gentlemen," he said, with a bow, "but I would say that I think they need soap and water."

It was such an apparent case that the crowd took hold at once with a shout, and Boone was completely floored, and later Stuart was elected.—London Express.

## A Mean Interruption.

"Don't trifle with me, Miss McCurdy," pleaded the young man desperately. "Wait till I have finished. Do I need to tell you, after all these weeks, how completely and absolutely you image fills my heart? Have you not seen? Do you not know? Have I not given you my love, by my looks, by the tones of my voice, by the joy that lights up my features whenever you appear? Must I put in words the feelings I can no more disguise than I can?"

"Mr. Whitgood," interrupted the young woman, "are you in a nest?"

"Glycerine McCurdy," he said, drawing himself up with injured dignity, "do you think I'm doing this on a bet?"—Chicago Tribune.

## Naming the Chinese Baby.

In China girls are called instead of Mary Ann or Marguerite "Spring Peach," "Cloudy Moon," "Celestial Happiness" or what may not be considered so nice, "Come-along-a-little-brother" or "Add-a-younger-brother."

The latter means that a son would have been the more welcome, a little "go away child," as they call the girls. They belong to the family of the husbands to be and do not count in the family of their birth, so that when a Chinaman is asked, "How many children have you?" he makes no count of the girls, although he may have ten.

The boys only he counts, and his reply will indicate only the number of boys.

He gives his sons such names as "Ancestral Piety," "Ancestral Knowledge," "Practical Industry," "Able to Sing Out," "Second God of Learning," "Excite the Clouds," "Beginning of Joy," "All Virtue Complete." The little slaves who begin life as household drudges before they graduate lower answer to such names as "As You Please," "Sparrows' Crumbs," "Joy to Serve," "Your Happiness," "Not For Me."—Kansas City Journal.

## How Codfish Catch Lobsters.

It is probably not to the majority of people to know that the red, or rock, codfish is a bitter enemy of the lobster. It has just crawled out of its shell and is soft and unable to protect himself. During shedding time these lobsters crawl up under projecting rocks, where the seaweed and kelp are thick and where they find protected places in which to go through the process of slipping out of their old shells and taking on a new coat of armor. For some days after shedding the lobsters are weak and unable to cope with those fish that wage war upon them. This fact the codfish seem intuitively to know, and they will swarm around these retreats in great numbers and wait for the shedders to crawl out.

An old lobster fisherman said that many times he had stopped his dory over a large number of these red codfish and watched their operations. He had even dropped his line down and dangled tempting baits within a few feet of them. Unless it happened to fall directly in front of their noses, however, they would seldom take it, as they were after lobster meat. When the thin shelled lobsters would crawl out from beneath the protecting seaweed, the codfish would dart at them and strike them fierce blows with their tails, disabling them completely. They would then fall to and devour the helpless crustaceans. This performance, the lobster fisherman said, he had witnessed many times.—Lewiston Journal.

## His Looks Were Deceptive.

The late Mr. Justice William O'Brien, as is pretty generally known, was not a tailor's model, and when going on a long railway journey his attire was even more neglected than usual, says London M. A. P. Waiting one day for his train to leave Cork, he wandered into the first class refreshment room, his threadbare and faded coat looking the more remarkable when in contrast with the dress of the smart set frequenting the place. "Can I have a glass of milk?" he inquired of the being in frills and powder who ruled behind the bar.

The lady eyed him sharply and suspiciously and then snapped out: "Yes, but it's tuppence a glass here. You'll get it for a penny in the third class room."

"Well," returned the judge as amiably as possible, "I think I'll have a glass at 'tuppence' all the same. I can manage to survive the expense."

He took his milk and walked out with an unflinching countenance. But when that young lady heard from some gentlemen who were standing at the bar and knew the judge who her customer was she didn't feel very well.

She tried to explain that she thought he was one of those "old farmer fellows" who'd got arguing about the price of the milk for half an hour.

The Bontevain's Judgment.

It was somewhere in this wide, wide world, just where has slipped my mind, and they were about to buy beef on hoof for the ships. So the officer whose duty it is to make the purchase took ashore with him the bo's'n, as representing the crew, to look over the animals and either object or not. They approached the first animal.

"How will that do?" asked the officer.

The bo's'n cautiously approached the beast, bent down and gingerly ran his thumb and forefinger down first one shank and then the other until the whole four shanks had been examined. Straightening up he said:

"Well, all right, sir."

The officer, flabbergasted, cried: "But, dash it all, you can't tell the good points of a bullock by the shanks!"

"Perhaps not, sir, but they're the only parts we ever get, sir," was the reply.—Pall Mall Gazette.

## His Accent.

One day Lord Morris was sitting at the Four Courts as lord chief justice of Ireland when a young barrister from the north rose nervously to make his first motion. The judge had declared that no one listening to himself would ever take him for anything but an Irishman, which was perfectly correct. But Galway could not understand Antrim. The lord chief justice leaned over to ask the associate where the barrister hailed from.

"County Antrim," was the response. Then asked his lordship of the official, "Did ye ever come across such a frightful accent in the course of yer life?"

## Gaslight on Gems.

The appearance of all fine gems is improved by gaslight. A perfect emerald, despite its color, which in anything else would turn to a dull glaucous hue, is only intensified in brilliancy of color by artificial light. The blue sapphire, though darkened, remains true to its color, as by daylight. The alexandrite is the only gem that changes, turning from a dark olive to a brilliant blood red by candle or gas light.

## No Difference.

English Customer (to manager of restaurant)—I see, Signor Maraschino, that the American gentleman and his wife, who have just left, drank nothing but water with their dinner. Does that make much difference in their bill?

Signor Maraschino—Notting, sir. They pay same as yourself and lady, who have champagne ordered 'ow should we live?—London Punch.

## An Odd Slip.

Dr. Johnson once met the village postman trudging along the dusty road on a hot summer afternoon. The postman observed that he had still a mile to walk just to deliver one newspaper.

"My goodness," exclaimed the sympathetic doctor, "I'd never go all that distance for such a trifle! Why don't you send it by post?"

## The Lobster.

A scientist has entered a protest against the use of the term "lobster" as an epithet implying lack of skill or courage. He says that lobsters on the Nova Scotian coast draw up in battle array and fight for hours according to unorthodox rules, the coast being littered with claws and other evidences of dismemberment when the struggle is over.

## A Heroine.

In a cemetery on the banks of the St. Lawrence river, near Prescott, is an epitaph which reads: "Erected to the memory of Elizabeth Richardson, who heroically defended the life of her lover by sticking a pitchfork in a mad cow's nose." The heroine Miss Richardson was 38 years old when she died.

If a man has a good scheme and makes money out of it, people call him a genius; if he loses, they call him a fool.—Chicago News.

## Twice Hanged.

A former police sergeant of this city interests his friends occasionally with reminiscences of his career on the force. One of his stories is that of a man who was hanged twice. The old man had become weary of life and determined to end his earthly existence by hanging himself. He arose one night after the other members of the family had retired. Procuring a rope, he fastened one end carefully around his neck and the other to the stair rail, and then threw himself over the balustrade.

His sons awakened at the usual hour in the morning, but upon starting down stairs were horrified to see their old father hanging at the end of a rope. They cut down the body and then hastened to apprise the neighbors of the tragedy. Some of the law, advised great respecters of the law, the body before obtaining permission from the police or coroner made them liable to imprisonment in the penitentiary. Frightened by this information, the sons hurriedly returned home and, obtaining another rope, fastened it about the neck of their father and let the body down in the position in which they had found it.

They then hurried up the police sergeant and told him of the suicide of their father. When the police sergeant reached the house, he cut down the body, but was quite surprised to find that there were two ridges around the throat. He asked for an explanation. The sons hesitated for a time, but finally confessed to the whole affair.—Baltimore Sun.

Freed by Witty Retort.

Pow if any judges can be severe with a prisoner who has made them laugh. Just why this should be so is a problem for the psychologists, but that such is the case can be testified to by any one who has much to do with the courts. A case in point occurred not long ago in Center street police court. An old dorky had been arraigned on a charge of shooting craps.

"Deed, jedge, I didn't shoot no craps," protested the prisoner.

"How about it, officer?" asked the court.

"I saw him with my own eyes," said the policeman.

"No, no, jedge," still protested the dorky, "he didn't see me shootin no craps. I wasn't playin, 'deed I wasn't."

"Now, look here," said the magistrate, "which am I to believe? The officer swears positively he saw you playing, and you swear equally as positively that you were not. What am I to do?"

The prisoner evidently appreciated the unfortunate position of the court. He scratched his head in perplexity, heaved a long sigh and said:

"Waal, I dunno, jedge; we all has our troubles."

He was discharged.—New York Mail and Express.

## When Cats Were Worshipped.

A mummy cat is a very curious thing. Tons of these embalmed creatures were brought to England a few years ago to be ground into bone manure. What an unromantic ending after 4,000 years' mummification! Some of the cats were bound with the ears standing erect, others laid flat. The cloths were still adhering to the mummies, though in one shipload, supposed to contain 180,000 cats, very few really complete specimens could be found.

It is supposed that the cats were of the species known as Felis maniculata, a kind formerly found in north Africa, and probably tamed by the ancient Egyptians, from which we get our domesticated pussy.

As early as 1600 B. C. tablets recorded that cats were kept in the Egyptian temples as an object of worship.

## Played It to the Limit.

Many writers have declared that an Irish gentleman's hospitality is unlimited, but this is a slight exaggeration, as is shown by a story borrowed from a book of Irish memories.

Jerry McCarty was often the guest of friends who on account of his pleasant ways extended to him that sort of old Irish hospitality which enabled a visitor in my own family who came for a fortnight to stay for six years.

In McCarty's case the visit stretched to nearly double that time. After eight or nine years, however, his kinsman got a little tired of his guest and let him know of his old mansion's proposed renovation and that he had signed a contract for having it painted from garret to cellar.

"By George," said Jerry, "it's fortunate that I don't object to the smell of paint, and it will be well to have some one to keep an eye on the painters now that the wall fruit is ripening."

Some months passed. Then his host informed him that he was going to be married, adding, "I thought I'd tell you in good time, so that you could make leisurely preparations to go, as the lady and you may not hit it off as well as you and I do."

With tearful eyes Jerry grasped his cousin's hand, saying: